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1. At 8 a.m. on 11 July 1952, about 500 troops, 16 pontoons, 1 assault boat, bridge building equipment, 2 field kitchens [redacted] were

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unloaded at the Lieberose (O 52/A 59) railroad station. (1)

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2. At 12:30 a.m. on 28 June, 100 soldiers marched from the Prenzlau (N 54/2 14) railroad station to the barracks installations on Berliner Strasse, followed by five trucks loaded with luggage. About 100 more soldiers without weapons marched to the barracks installations on Berliner Strasse at 1 a.m. on 30 June. An employee of the construction headquarters in Prenzlau stated that the barracks installation northwest of Berliner Strasse would not be occupied by Volkspolizei until 1953, and, until that time, would be used by Soviet troops. (2)

3. At 3:45 p.m. on 3 July, a train carrying about 100 soldiers, four 76-mm AA guns [redacted]

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stopped at the Oranienburg (N 53/2 77) railroad station. A train which arrived at the Oranienburg railroad station at 10:30 a.m. on 14 July from the direction of Gernsdorf (N 53/2 67) consisted of 10 boxcars with troops and equipment, and an undetermined number of flatcars with 40 trucks, pontoons, 1 motorboat, 1 jeep. [redacted]

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4. At 4:15 p.m. on 12 July, a train carrying about 200 troops, 50 trucks, [redacted] 3 motorcycles, 3 field kitchens and a canvas-covered gun stood at the Oranienburg railroad station, headed toward Loewenberg.

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5. On 13 July, 52 factory-new trucks were unloaded by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets at the Neuruppin (N 53/2 49) railroad station.

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6. At 3:30 p.m. on 12 July, a train of 8 boxcars with troops, and an undetermined number of flatcars with 5 motorcycles, 1 armored scout car, 2 canvas-covered guns [redacted] stood at the Krennen railroad station, headed toward Berlin.

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- 25X1 3. Large-scale field exercises conducted in the woods between Gernersdorf and Nassenheide on 9 July involved numerous sedans, 16 Jeeps, 3 radio trucks and about 65 trucks [redacted]
- 25X1 4. At 3:40 p.m. on 14 July, a train with 15 AT guns, 12 tanks, and about 20 trucks [redacted] arrived at the Oranienburg freight station from the direction of Bremen. (4)
- 25X1 5. At 7:45 a.m. on 30 June, a convoy of three trucks towing 76.2-mm AT guns [redacted] drove along the Boetzow (N 53/Z 66) - Schoenwalde road toward Schoenwalde. The trucks carried about 40 soldiers. (6)
- 25X1 6. At 8:20 a.m. on 12 July, a Soviet train arrived at the Neustadt-Dosse (N 53/Z 18) railroad station from the direction of Nauen. It consisted of four boxcars with troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets; and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying [redacted] 5 AA guns of about 85-mm and 1 canvas-covered one-axle piece of equipment.
- 25X1 7. At 9:15 a.m. on 12 July, a train consisting of five boxcars with troops and an undetermined number of flatcars [redacted] 1 field kitchen and 3 M-13 rocket launchers arrived at the Nauen (N 53/Z 45) railroad station from the direction of Neustadt-Dosse.
- 25X1 8. On 11 July, a train with about 100 soldiers, billeting equipment on many boxcars, 4 x 85-mm AA guns, 1 repair shop crane, 1 field kitchen [redacted] stood at the Potsdam (N 53/Z 63) railroad station. The loadings at the railroad stations of Potsdam and Wildpark were terminated at 9 a.m. on 12 July.
- 25X1 9. On 12 July, the Hohenlohe Kaserne and Ludendorff Kaserne on Medlitzer Strasse quartered only a guard detail of about 20 men each. (7)
- 25X1 10. On 27 June, a boxcar with military goods was dispatched at the Brandenburg-Altstadt (N 53/Z 23) railroad station to the Fuersterwalde (N 53/Z 33) railroad station [redacted] Material from the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne on Magdeburger Strasse was loaded at the Brandenburg-Altstadt railroad station at 1:30 p.m. on 1 July. It included 6 trucks, including 2 with trailers, with billeting equipment, gun-barrel trailer and trailer mounts for 2 heavy artillery pieces with barrels about 3 to 3.5 meters long, which had been brought to the station by 6 prime movers. [redacted] The loading detail consisted of 60 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia who were supervised by 6 officers, including a lieutenant colonel. [redacted]
- 25X1 11. Between 3 and 10 July, the Flak Kaserne on Thomas Mann Strasse, Magdeburg (N 51/D 69), was occupied by about 1,500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Source believed that most of the soldiers were recruits. About 300 motor vehicles were parked in the billeting area. [redacted]

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17. During the period from 3 to 10 July, the Hindenburg Kaserne on Hindenburg Strasse, corner of Jerichow Strasse, quartered a guard unit of about 40 soldiers. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets. (10)

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25X1 19. [redacted] barracks installations for the new National Army were scheduled to be constructed in the area of Ruedersdorf (H 52/V 14), and that 1,000,000 bricks had already been hauled to the construction site. (12) (13)

[redacted] Comments.

- 25X1 (1) The unloading was probably carried out by the 122d (?) Gds Engr Bn of the 7th Gds Mecz Div.
- 25X1 (2) [redacted] in the middle of June 1952 that the barracks installation on the southeast side of Berliner Strasse would be occupied by recruits.
- 25X1 (3) The train probably carried elements of the 194th Engr Bn of the 25th Tank Div.
- 25X1 (4) [redacted] the two trains reported in paragraphs 6 and 9 running in opposite directions carried elements of the 6th Gds Mecz Div.
- 25X1 (5) [redacted] these field exercises, which are reported for the first time, involved components of the 7th Gds Mecz Div.
- 25X1 (6) The conveyance belongs to the 6th Gds Mecz Div.
- 25X1 (7) [redacted] it can be concluded that the transfer of elements of the 2d Gds AAA Div from Potsdam to Murrersdorf which, according to several sources, was made in about seven shipments during the period from 7 to 11 July 1952, was completed on 12 July. [redacted]

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- 25X1 (9) The battery loaded onto the train belongs to the 124th Hw How Arty Brig (US) which rotates units for training to Altengradow. [redacted]
- 25X1 (10) The information confirms previous information on Soviet troops in Magdeburg.
- 25X1 [redacted] however, the occupation of the Hindenburg Kaserne, [redacted] fluctuates between occupied to capacity and vacant. [redacted]
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- 25X1 (11) The identity of the shipment is not known [redacted] it carried elements of the 6th Gds AAA Div (US) and, according to the observation of the 122-mm guns, it carried artillery unit.
- 25X1 (12) [redacted] eighteen barracks buildings were scheduled to be built in the woods south of Ruedersdorf.

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